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8. (new) A release sheet for use in the production of laminates comprising a cellulosic-based paper substrate wherein at least one surface of said substrate is salt-treated during formation of the substrate via the application to said surface of an aqueous solution comprising at least one water-soluble multivalent salt in an amount sufficient to provide a solids content of about 0.01% to about 3.0% by weight based upon the dry weight of the substrate, and wherein said substrate is coated after formation on at least one salt-treated surface with a film comprising at least one salt of alginic acid.
9. (new) The release sheet of claim 8 wherein the aqueous solution of water-soluble multivalent salt is applied during formation of the substrate in an amount sufficient to provide a solids content of about 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight based upon the dry weight of the substrate.
10. (new) The release sheet of claim 8 wherein the aqueous solution of water-soluble multivalent salt is applied during formation of the substrate in an amount sufficient to provide a solids content of about 0.1% to about 0.5% by weight based upon the dry weight of the substrate.
11. (new) The release sheet of claim 8 wherein the water-soluble multivalent salt is selected from the group consisting of salts of aluminum, salts of barium, salts of beryllium, salts of calcium, salts of chromium, salts of copper, salts of iron, salts of magnesium, salts of strontium, salts of zinc, salts of zirconium, and combinations thereof.
12. (new) The release sheet of claim 11 wherein the water-soluble multivalent salt is selected from the group consisting of salts of aluminum, salts of calcium, salts of magnesium, salts of zirconium, and combinations thereof.
13. (new) The release sheet of claim 11 wherein the water-soluble salt is calcium propionate.